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Christmas Day Wild Fire

YREKA, CA— Christmas brought a different kind of surprise this year when a fourteen acre wildfire was reported near Kangaroo Lake on the Klamath National Forest. The Kangaroo Fire, discovered on Christmas Day a little after 6 pm, was found burning on the roadside of the Kangaroo Creek Road, just below Kangaroo Lake. The fire remains under investigation, and is believed to be human caused.

“The fire burned in light fuels and grass, and took off uphill, burning with the slope,” commented Mike Howerton, Fire Management Officer for the Scott River Ranger District. “Usually we have snow there this time of year. A 14 acre fire is unusual for December.”

Volunteers from Fort Jones, Scott Valley and Etna Fire Companies aided CAL FIRE firefighters in initial attack on December 25. On December 26, a Forest Service Fire Engine from the Shasta Trinity National Forest continued to work on the fire and declared it controlled at 4 pm that day. Firefighters continue to mop-up and patrol the Kangaroo Fire and are expected to remain on scene until the area receives some precipitation, predicted for later this week.

Forest visitors should be aware that conditions are dry and susceptible to burning. Extra care needs to be taken to ensure campfires, cooking fires and warming fires are completely extinguished. As always, the use of fireworks is prohibited on National Forest lands.

Location: 4.2 miles up the Kangaroo Creek Road **Estimated Fire Size:** 14 acres

Jurisdiction: USDA Forest Service, Salmon-Scott Ranger District, Klamath National Forest.

Cause: Human **Injuries:** 0 **Resources:** **Total Personnel:** 10 **Evacuations:** None.

Closures: None

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